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# **PROGRAM**

Processional: "Pomp and Circumstance"
National Anthem
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Commencement Speaker
Presentation of Class
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Dr. John Groesbeck Dean, Robert W. Plaster School of Business, Missouri Southern State University
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## KEYNOTE SPEAKER



**Kelli Hopkins** is the Associate Executive Director of Board Services for the Missouri School Boards Association.

A 1977 graduate of Webb City High School, Hopkins received her bachelor's degree in education from Missouri Southern in 1982, with an emphasis in speech and drama.

She went on to receive her master of science degree in secondary educational administration in 1994, followed by her juris doctor in 2001 from the University of Missouri-Columbia.

She taught speech, debate and theater at the high-school level for 13 years, nine of those in Webb City. Following completing of her master's degree, she was employed as an assistant junior-high principal for three years.

When she relocated to Columbia, Mo., to attend law school, she served as managing editor for the Journal of Dispute Resolution, and co-authored "Recent Developments in the Uniform Arbitration Act" for the journal.

After graduating from law school, Hopkins served as a staff attorney for the Missouri School Boards Association from 2001-05, and as the association's director of education policy from 2005-08.

She has held her current position since 2008. She also serves as the association's corporate counsel. Her duties include management of the MSBA's board policy, legal and labor departments and reviewing/revising association contracts.

Hopkins has also served as the president of the American Association of State Policy Services, and speaks regularly at state and national conferences on a variety of education-related legal and policy issues.

## **EMERITUS FACULTY**

1973 - 1974

Harry Gockel\*
History & Geography

Martha Ann McCormick\*
Mathematics

1976 - 1977

Dorothy Stone\*
Business Administration

1978 - 1980

Lloyd Dryer\* Psychology

Cleetis Headlee\* English & Philosophy

1980 - 1981

Fred Cinotto\*
Administrative Assistant

1983 - 1985

Julie Hughes\*
Social Sciences (History)

Grace C. Mitchell\* English & Philosophy

1985 - 1987

Enid Blevins
English & Philosophy

1995 - 1996

Loretta Frazier\* Head Librarian

1999 - 2001

J. Merrell Junkins
Psychology

Gail Renner\* Social Sciences (History) 2002 - 2004

Duane L. Hunt Theater

Richard Massa Communication

2008 - 2010

Julio S. Leon Business

2010 - 2012

Betsy Griffin Psychology

Virginia Laas Social Sciences (History)

William Livingston
Mathematics

Melvyn Mosher\*
Chemical & Physical Sciences

2011 - 2012

Jim Jackson Biology & Environmental Health

2012 - 2013

John Messick
Biology & Environmental Health

2013 - 2014

Sam Claussen Theater

2014 - 2015

Art Saltzman\* English & Philosophy

2015 - 2016

Al Cade\*
Teacher Education

Patsy Lipira Kinesiology

## **GRADUATE PROGRAMS**

# MASTER OF ACCOUNTANCY

Henson, Joeseph Allen Accountancy Carl Junction Mather, Jeremy Michael Accountancy Jasper

Schwab, Ethan A. Accountancy Fort Scott, KS

## COOPERATIVE GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Missouri Southern State University/Southeast Missouri State University

# MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Brisson, Jocelyn Anne Criminal Justice Joplin

**Evans, Megan Delia** Criminal Justice Ozark Gray, Stephanie LaRay

Criminal Justice Brookline

Jaeger, Kaitlin Joyce Criminal Justice Riverton, KS Nickelson, Mindi Ann

Criminal Justice Farmington

Russell, Erika Nicole Criminal Justice Seymour Staats, Danielle Renee

Criminal Justice Winfield

Woods, Christopher Wayne Criminal Justice

Nixa

<sup>\*</sup>Deceased

## CANDIDATES FOR HONORS AND DEGREES

## BACCALAUREATE DEGREES-

## SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Grade point average 3.90 or above

Braund, Lindy Cooley, Aubrey ‡ † Delgado, Lauren Heikkila, Hailey ‡ Holman, Stephen ‡ Miller, Cherokee Mullins, Bethany Ratliff, Holly † Roarty, Claire ‡ †
Robertson, Kirsten ‡
Schwab, Ethan ‡
Starks, Alexandra ‡ †

Walker, Dillon ‡ †

## MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Grade point average 3.80 - 3.89

Boyd, Angelina Brooks, Shawna Dillahay, Megan Greer, Molly Hanna, Kristen † Housh, Kurt Jorgensen, Austin McDonald, Aaron Mersing, Susan Murray, Hollie

Myers, Lauren Nichols, Carlene Thompson, Richard Tucker, James Walker, Jay

Wenzel, Priscilla Wilcox, Aaron

## **CUM LAUDE**

Grade point average 3.70 - 3.79

Dotson, Megan Faircloth, Breanna Going, Dakota Miller, Samuel Parsons, Philip Polizzi, Nicklas Richards, Colton Spencer, Adam Sullivan, Kaitlin

Tanner, McKayley

## **ASSOCIATE DEGREES**

## FIRST HONORS

Grade point average 3.90 or above

Delgado, Lauren Ratliff, Holly

## SECOND HONORS

Grade point average 3.80 - 3.89

Mersing, Susan

Murray, Hollie

## THIRD HONORS

Grade point average 3.70 - 3.79

Sullivan, Kaitlin

# SCHOOL OF ARTS & SCIENCES

## BACHELOR OF ARTS

## Abrams, June E.

Sociology Joplin

## Bradley, Zachary Evan

Theatre Joplin

## Brower, Zackery Alan

History Joplin

## Brown, ReGenia Joanne

Spanish
Carl Junction

## Case, James N.

English-Literary Studies Mount Vernon

## Coleman, Matthew Wayne

Art-Graphic Webb City

## Horton, Joshua T.

English-Literary Studies Joplin

## Lechner, Ryan M.

International Studies Broken Arrow, OK

## Miller, Samuel Lee

Spanish Richland

## Morris, Austin Reed

Music Cassville

## Nesbitt, Donna Marie

Sociology Joplin

## Payton, Ashley Lynn

Art-Visual Neosho

## Peters, Emily Elizabeth

English-Literary Studies Joplin

## Randolph, Grace Marie

Music Raymore

## Shepherd, Jeffrey Alan Christian

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# **Springston, Shane Douglas** English-Creative Writing

Duenweg

## Starks, Alexandra Noelle ‡ †

International Studies Sugar Land, TX

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English-Literary Studies Joplin

## BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS-

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Joplin

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

## Adams, Christopher David

Biology Grove, OK

## Arwood, Arlisa Michelle

Biology Joplin

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Criminal Justice Administration Oswego, KS

#### Bennett, Katheryn Jean

Criminal Justice Administration Carthage

## Berry, Dawn Michelle

Criminal Justice Administration, Juvenile Justice Wheaton

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Biology Lockwood

## Clarkson Thomlinson, AshLeigh Hope

Biochemistry, Biology Neosho

## Crum, Christian Sky

Sociology Cassville

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Environmental Health and Safety Joplin

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Criminal Justice Administration Lamar

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Biology Webb City

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Communications-Public Relations Joplin

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Criminal Justice Administration Galena, KS

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Communications-Mass St Louis

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Biology Joplin

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Criminal Justice Administration Stella

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Criminal Justice Administration Granby

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Biochemistry Carthage

## Hovis, JeTaime Marie

Biology Farmington

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## Jones, Jeremy David

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Criminal Justice Administration Joplin

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Criminal Justice Administration Sarcoxie

## Miller, Samuel Lee

Biology Richland

## Miller, Victoria Allyson

Environmental Health and Safety Olathe, KS

## Murray, Hollie Joann

Mathematics Monett

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Criminal Justice Administration Webb City

## Myers, Lauren Michelle

Biology Joplin

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Political Science Chanute, KS

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Carl Junction

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Law Enforcement Washburn

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Yang, Pheng

Law Enforcement Stark City

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Law Enforcement Raytown

## GENERAL STUDIES

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Aleshire, Callie Jayne Arden ‡

General Studies Sarcoxie

Bowleg, Verjell Vernessa

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General Studies Niangua

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General Studies Miami, OK

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General Studies Pensacola, FL

Clay, Wallace Cleveland

General Studies Owasso, OK

Cobine, John R.

General Studies Reeds

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Turner, Chad Washington Management, Human Resource Management Carthage

Vang, Nao Accounting Pierce City

Waldron, Jessica Dawn Accounting Joplin

Weaver, Dylan Alexander Management Riverton, KS

Westfield, Jr., Anthony Blaine Human Resource Management Neosho

Wheeler, Andrew S. Management Grove, OK

Xia, Qinghao Accounting, International Business China

Xu, Benhui Accounting China

## ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

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Noel

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Guzman, Juan Manuel Manufacturing Engineering Technology Joplin

Hendrix, Caleb Daniel **CIS-Information Systems** 

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Housh, Shane Clinton Manufacturing Engineering Technology Carthage

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Wilson, Levi Ray Manufacturing Engineering Technology Nevada

# SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

## BACHELOR OF ARTS

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## **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**

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Psychology Taneyville

Bradshaw, Tyler Lee Psychology Galena, KS

Cantu, Nathan M. Psychology Carthage

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Dunbar, MacKenzie Brooke Psychology Riverton, KS

Edwards, Amy Suzanne Psychology Joplin

± 4.00 Average

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Pachlhofer, Whitney Paige

Health Promotion and Wellness Granby

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Schuler, Michelle Renee

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Sonntag, Staci Ann

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Stillions, Grace Raydeane Psychology Anderson

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Necedah, WI

Walker, Jessica Renae Health Promotion and Wellness Joplin

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## **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION**

Andler, Janie Ann

Elementary Education/K-12 Special Education Webb City

Arnold, Elizabeth Ann

Elementary Education-Social Studies Webb City

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Elementary Education-Social Studies Joplin

Boman, Denesa MayLorene

Elementary Education-Language Arts Joplin

Bunch, Jessica Lynn

Elementary Education-Social Studies Joplin

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Secondary Education-English Seneca

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Elementary Education-Early Childhood Joplin

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Lage, Wynonna Anneliese

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Lane, Brittany Paige

Secondary Education-English Alba

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Elementary Education-Social Studies Joplin

Manes, Haley Nicole

Elementary Education-Social Studies Nevada

Mann, Derek Lane

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Elementary Education-Language Arts Fort Scott, KS

McMillen, Kyle Benjamin

K-12 Education-Physical Education Marionville

Means, Elizabeth Sue Colley

Secondary Education-Social Science/History LaRussell

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Elementary Education/K-12 Special Education Joplin

Nelson, Michael Cole

K-12 Education-Physical Education Tulsa, OK

Nelson, Robin Elizabeth

K-12 Education-Physical Education
Joplin

Nichols, Ricky Ayrton

K-12 Education-Physical Education Cassville

Oathout, Maggie Lynne

Elementary Education-Social Studies Webb City

Perryman, Eryn Michele

Elementary Education/K-12 Special Education Lebanon

Pettit, Zachariah Ethan ‡ †

K-12 Education-Vocal Webb City

Reagan, Brittani A.

K-12 Education-Physical Education Bentonville, AR

Richardson, George Edward

Elementary Education-Social Studies Joplin

Sangale, Jessica Lynn

Elementary Education-Social Studies Joplin

Shephard, Joy M.

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Smith, Kyle Edward

K-12 Education-Physical Education Anderson

Stevenson, Taylor Autumn

Elementary Education-Language Arts Miami, OK

Summers, Melissa Lynn

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Ash Grove

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# SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES

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Health Science-Respiratory Therapy Nixa

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Health Science-Dental Hygiene Columbia

Boyd, Sandra Lynn

Health Science-Business Life Joplin

Carpenter, Chance Wayne

Health Science-Respiratory Therapy Liberty

Cave, Chelsea Lane ±

Health Science-Radiologic Technology Springfield

Elliott, Grace Rebecca

Health Science-Business Life Webb City

Foley, Cassie J.

Health Science-Business Life Joplin

Gaither, Sydni Alekzandrya

Health Science-Dental Hygiene Lillington, NC

Gardner, Rochelle Lynn

Health Science-Respiratory Therapy Lamar

Garfield, Ciara Morgan

Health Science-Business Life Lamar

Graves, Payton Danielle

Health Science-Business Life Springfield

Greenough, Sara Lynn

Health Science-Business Life Parsons, KS

Hang, Chue

Health Science-Business Life Purdy

Harris, Kaitlyn Marie

Health Science-Respiratory Therapy Jackson

Jones, Dawn M.

Health Science-Respiratory Therapy Joplin

Lundstrom, Emily Rose

Health Science-Respiratory Therapy Willard

McWhorter, Brittani Jo

Health Science-Business Life Duchesne, UT

Medsker, Heather Leeann

Health Science-Respiratory Therapy O'Fallon, IL

Mengwasser, Adelene C.

Health Science-Paramedic Joplin

Mercer, Lindsey Suzanne

Health Science-Dental Hygiene Sikeston

Neher, Staci D.

Health Science-Paramedic Jasper

Nolan, Chad Nicholas

Health Science-Business Life Menifee, CA

Peacock, Rose Corine ‡

Health Science-Business Life Neosho

Prochnow, Shelby Marie

Health Science-Respiratory Therapy Republic

Reavis, Heather Michelle

Health Science-Radiologic Technology Crane

Robertson, Robbin Melyssa

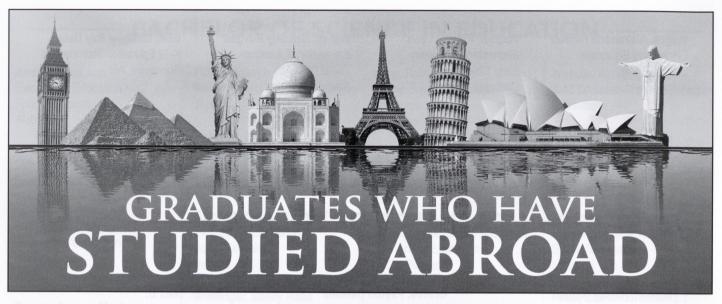
Health Science-Respiratory Therapy Joplin

Scharenberg, Hali Brook

Health Science Fort Scott, KS

Siriprasertchok, Piyathida

Health Science-Business Life Joplin



## As provided by the Institute of International Studies.

Students who received MSSU academic credit for studying abroad through an MSSU-sponsored or recognized program are wearing a sash today representing the country or countries where they studied. Since 1995, MSSU has sent more than 3,100 students abroad to reflect its statewide mission in global education.

Akers, Armonta Ghana

Aldridge, Megan Germany

Aleckson, Joshua Ghana

**Arnold, Elizabeth** Sweden

Baker, Lauden Canada

Bastings, Dakota Ecuador, Germany

Cavener, Sara Italy

Christensen, Mackenzie Belize, Canada, France, United Kingdom

Coffin, Rin Japan

Dibba, Aji France Eldred, Bennet Japan

Fuller, Makayla Ecuador

Gabbard, Savanna Belize

Gray, Lindsey France

Guzman, Sonia France, Switzerland

Hamilton, Kendra Belize, Ireland

Haymore, Amara Ghana

Hendrix, Caleb Belize

Hillman, Kierstyn France, Spain

Isaac, Caitlin France John, Ryan Belize

Mahaffey, Marcus Italy

Mahurin, Samantha Belize

Martin, Sophia Belize

Miller, Katie France, Spain

Nat, Katherine Spain

Pachlhofer, Whitney Belize, Czech Republic, Denmark, Poland

Pettit, Zachariah Ireland, Italy

Prisock, Kyle France, Spain

Reddy, Nicholas Ireland Suso, Kuta Belize

**Triplett, William** France, United Kingdom

Varner, Amber United Kingdom

Weir, Matthew Belize

Wells, Danielle United Kingdom

Whetstone, Callie Belize

## POINTS OF PRIDE

# Three officers commissioned through Show-Me Gold program



Three members of the Show-Me-Gold officer training program at Missouri Southern are now wearing the single gold bars of second lieutenants in the Missouri National Guard.

Nathan Skaggs, Carl Junction; Quinn Hobbs, Neo-

sho; and Brandon Walker, Webb City, attended Officer Candidate School (OCS) during the summer at Fort Meade in South Dakota. They were officially commissioned as officers in a ceremony on Sept. 10 at the Missouri State Capitol building in Jefferson City.

Each of the three earned special recognition during the ceremony. Skaggs was the recipient of the Neilson Rudd Award, selected by his peers. Walker received the Staff Award, which was chosen by the cadre. Hobbs received the Tactical Tiger Award for the highest score on the tactics exam and FLER.

"We're very proud of their achievement," says Capt. Chase Phillips, professor of military science at Missouri Southern.

The Show-Me Gold program has now produced four commissioned officers. The first – Josh Turner – graduated in May.

Officer Candidate School involves two months of intensive training and evaluation on leadership skills, learning and decision-making.

# Smith named regional vice president for PBL



Emmalee Smith, a junior marketing and management major from Carthage, has been elected to serve as the vice president for the North Central Region of Phi Beta Lambda.

The PBL club is the collegiate equivalent of Future Business Leaders of America – an educational association of post-sec-

ondary student members preparing for careers in business. The election took place during the PBL National Leadership Conference held during the summer in Atlanta, Ga.

"This is the 75<sup>th</sup> year for FBLA-PBL, so my slogan was 'Emmalee Smith in the 75<sup>th</sup>.' The color theme went along with the organization's colors – blue and gold," she said. My speech and campaign revolved around their three pillars – service, education and progress. I'm very passionate about the organization."

As vice president for the North Central Region, she will serve as the primary student liaison between the national organization and chapters in Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin.

# Geography lab unveiled along with new major

The addition of a geography lab is helping to put the new major on the map at Missouri Southern.

The creation of the lab is a result of a minor degree growing into a larger program, said Steve Smith, professor of geography. After being approved by the state last year, 2016-17 is the first year for geography to be offered as a major.

"Geography and spatial science are among the top 25 job fields in the United States right now," said Smith. "What we wanted was essentially an interactive classroom environment ... a space that accommodates a bank of computers and space for lab classes and traditional lectures.

"A decision was made to combine two rooms on the second floor of Webster Hall. The wall was taken down and we put in a dual-projection system, topographic maps, globes and new carpeting. The idea was to create a space that's visually interesting, and more than just a traditional classroom."

## Mansion added to National Historic Register



A dedication ceremony in honor of the Lucius P. Buchanan mansion's addition to the National Register of Historic Places was held Oct. 21, at the Missouri Southern Alumni Center.

Built in 1926 by Lucius P. "Buck" Buchanan, a wealthy mining developer, the mansion was constructed with a Spanish motif. It was reportedly inspired by a house he saw in Puerto Rico. After Buchanan's death in 1939, it was purchased by Frank C. and Juanita Wallower.

In 1964, the land and buildings upon it were purchased by the Jasper County Junior College District. The 320-acre Missouri Southern State College campus opened in 1967, with the residence housing classrooms and offices.

In 2004, a project began to renovate the mansion, which had fallen into disrepair. The oldest building on campus became the Ralph L. Gray Alumni Center and the permanent home of the MSSU Alumni Association.

"To have this designation for Missouri Southern and Joplin is an amazing accomplishment," said Lee Elliff Pound, director of the Alumni Association. "Not everyone has the chance to work in such a gorgeous facility with such rich history, and be able to call their workplace home."

# ALMA MATER

Words by Mary Laird, Class of '39

Music by Emerson Jackson, Class of '39



Our Al-ma Ma - ter, we ho - nor thee,



shap-ing and guid - ing our de-sti - ny.



Af - ter we have part - ed as the years roll by;



we'll keep each me - mo - ry hail, hail to thee.



Missouri Southern State University's "Alma Mater" was drafted during the Joplin Junior College second year by a group that included Mary Laird, Joan Epperson, Enos Currey, Ellen Beasley and Emerson Jackson. Laird was principally responsible for the lyrics while Jackson set it to music. It was first sung during a Class-Day program in 1939.

# ACADEMIC ATTIRE AND REGALIA CORDS

s early as the 12th century, the first modern universities – at Bologna and Paris – were centers of European learning. The usual garb of the time, for both churchmen and laymen, was a long gown which was necessary for warmth in the unheated buildings of the day. Scholars, generally members of church orders, wore such robes and also hoods to protect their shaven heads. Later, skull caps were worn on the head and the hood became a cape which could be pulled over the head in unpleasant weather. The hood was also sometimes used to collect alms from the more affluent members of the community. As additional universities were founded, distinctive forms of the gown and hood were adopted by their faculties. Variations indicated ranks within the institutions. Strict rules were published and in some cases punishment cited for tailors who departed from the authorized design.

The academic hat was a later development, adapted from the headdress of the ordinary people. Academically, it was originally worn as a symbol of the master's degree, and existed in various forms: some were round, some square and some had a tuft in the center. The flat, square "mortar board" of today originated at Oxford University in England.

Academic costume came to America in 1754 with the founding of King's College, now Columbia University. Styles became quite varied as they were in Europe, but in 1895 a group of American college and university representatives met to establish a uniform system of academic apparel for this country. This led to the establishment in 1902 of an "Intercollegiate Code of Academic Costume." The American Council of Education formed a committee in 1932 to review the 1895 code, which was again reviewed and revised in both 1960 and 1965.

There are today three basic types of gowns and hoods. The bachelor's gown has pointed sleeves and is designed to be worn closed. Recipients of the associate degrees wear gray gowns designed like the bachelor's gown. The master's gown is designed with an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist and with an arc cut away at the front of the sleeve. It may be worn either open or closed. The doctoral gown is of a full design with voluminous sleeves, and it also may be worn open or closed. Unlike the other two, the doctoral gown is faced down the front with velvet and with three velvet bars on the sleeves. These may be black or a color related to the subject of the degree. Thus, arts, letters and humanities may be white, business degrees may be drab or sapphire blue, education uses light blue, fine arts is brown, music is pink and science is golden yellow, to name a few.

The caps are always black, with a black tassel for baccalaureate degrees and a tassel of the color indicated above for master's degrees. Doctoral caps usually have a tassel of metallic gold color.

The hoods worn by master's degree recipients are lined with the official colors of the institution awarding the degree. The binding and edging of the hood is silk or velvet in the color pertaining to the subject area. Doctoral hoods are longer and designed somewhat fuller, but the colors again are those of the institution granting the degree for the lining, and of the subject for the wide edging. There exists a small bachelor's hood, but generally it is not used in this country.

The hoods represented in MSSU ceremonies are a combination of colors from each of the collaborating institutions. Traditional colors and corresponding fields of study are:

Brown: Fine Arts • Crimson: Journalism • Dark Blue: Philosophy • Golden Yellow: Science

Lemon Yellow: Library Science • Light Blue: Education • Pink: Music

Purple: Law • Sage Green: Physical Education • Scarlet: Theology • White: Arts, Letters, Humanities

Yellow Brown: Commerce, Business, Accountancy

## Regalia Cords

Alpha Chi: Gold • Veteran's: Red, White, and Blue • Honors Program: Green • Athletics: Green and Gold
Alpha Psi Omega Honor Society: Antique Gold and Light Blue
Dental Hygiene Honor Society, Sigma Phi Alpha: Purple and Gold
Criminal Justice Honor Society, Alpha Phi Sigma: Blue and Gold
Respiratory Therapy Honor Society, Lambda Beta: Navy Blue and Green
National Leadership Honor Society, Omicron Delta Kappa: Braided blue, black and white
International Honor Society in Business, Delta Mu Delta: Braided gold and purple
National Physics Honor Society, Sigma Pi Sigma: Dark Green and White
Education Honor Society, Kappa Delta Pi: Purple and Green
International Honor Society in Psychology, Psi Chi: Braided Platinum and Dark Blue
National History Honor Society, Phi Alpha Theta: Blood Red and Sky Blue

